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SUBJ: MEETING OF SELECTED HEADS OF DEL ON OIL QUESTIONS -
DECEMBER 5

1. OIL SUPPLY INFORMATION. DEPT SEES LITTLE TO BE
GAINED IN SEEKING TO HAVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE SEC GEN TO CON-
VOKE OIL COMPANIES TO MEET INFORMALLY IN PARIS AND REPORT
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JOINTLY ON OIL SUPPLY SITUATION. USG IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO

CLEAR FINAL LEGAL BARRIERS TO US OIL COMPANY DATA FLOWING TO DESIGNATED POINT OF CONTACT UNDER VOLUNTARY PLAN OF ACTION, I.E. OECD OIL COMMITTEE. THE SEC GEN'S PROPOSAL FOR THIS "SPECIAL" MEETING OUTSIDE THE ESTABLISHED AND USG SANCTIONED WAYS OF HANDLING US COMPANY PARTICIPATION IN OECD WOULD PRESENT NEW AND DIFFICULT ANTI-TRUST PROBLEMS FOR US. IN ADDITION, WE EXPECT THE NEED FOR SUCH A MEETING TO BE LARGELY OBIATED IN NEAR FUTURE AS US EMERGENCY PETROLEUM SUPPLY COMMITTEE (EPSC) BECOMES FULLY ACTIVATED. EPSC SUBCOMMITTEE WILL PRESENT ITS FIRST REPORT ON WORLD OIL SUPPLY SITUATION TO EPSC ON DEC. 11. WE EXPECT EPSC TO FORMALLY APPROVE TRANSMISSION TO OECD OF THIS DATA AT THAT TIME. IF SO, DEPT WILL FORWARD IT IMMEDIATELY AND WELL IN ADVANCE OF HLG MEETING ON DEC. 19.

2. BUNKERS. WHILE BUNKERING IN US HAS NOT PRESENTED A SEVERE PROBLEM TO DATE, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER

DISCUSSING DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES ON BUNKERING DURING A CRISIS. IT IS RELATIVELY TECHNICAL SUBJECT HOWEVER AND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ON THAT LEVEL IN OECD FRAMEWORK, AT LEAST IN FIRST INSTANCE.

3. BROADER QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 4 REFTEL REQUIRE FURTHER DECISIONS BEING MADE BY USG AND THUS A RESPONSE AT LATER DATE. KISSINGER

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